



AMVETS Post 1776 Cyber Newsletter

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News Spots....

20 each day in the USA!

The shocking daily number of suicides among Veterans.

Are we doing enough to prevent this National Tragedy?

BREAKFAST AT POST 13, AMERICAN LEGION NOVEMBER 11, VETERANS DAY 0630-1000 HOURS

The 2nd highest percentage of WWII casualties happened for which Pacific invasion?
(Answer on pg. 4)



From the Commander.....

Welcome to the first issue of our "Cyber Newsletter"! And also welcome to the roll out of our newly designed and functional website. Our Post has been busy this year. We just completed another golf tournament and I believe it was the most successful to date. Many thanks to Anthony "Tony" Minichiello and a great support team. Ray Wright and Richard Duley from DAV helped with our raffles and setup, Nell Hewitt from American Legion and her able assistant Paulette did a great job manning the registration table. And we owe a lot to the almost 100 players that came out to support us. We had a great lunch, provided by Golden Eagle and then we presented the missing man table. We raised a good sum towards our Bell Tower Project and other veteran programs we try to help. In fact, at our meeting this past week we voted to give Honor Flight of Tallahassee \$500.00 towards their Honor flights to Washington D.C.

Our Bell Tower Project for the Tallahassee National Cemetery is moving along. We made our first deposit to National AMVETS this past month and they are going to match our first check and then sign our Agreement with Campbellsville Industries to build, deliver and install the Bell Tower. If all goes well, we should be having a dedication ceremony sometime in the spring of 2020. Stay tuned.

If you are reading this newsletter on our website or have received it online and are not a member of AMVETS Post 1776 please give us a call or go to our website at www.amvets1776.org and join. If you are already a member, thank you for your continuing support as we grow in membership and thank you for your service.

An old habit of mine is to sign off with a Semper Fi. For you Army, Air Force, Navy and others, that is "Always Faithful" for us Marines. Have a great day.

Gordon

AMVETS National was chartered in 1947 and the Tallahassee AMVETS Post 1776 was chartered in July 2009. AMVETS Post 1776 meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Allegro Senior Living Center at 4501 Shannon Lakes West, Tallahassee, Florida 32309. We invite honorably discharged veterans, including Guard and Reserve, from all branches to join us. We are a small Post doing big things for the veterans in the Tallahassee area. *For more information please visit us at:*

www.amvets1776.org.

TALLAHASSEE'S AMVETS POST 1776 SPONSORED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GOLF TOURNAMENT AT GOLDEN EAGLE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB SEPTEMBER 16, 2019.

On Monday, September 16, 2019 AMVETS Post 1776 sponsored their Annual Golf Tournament at Golden Eagle Golf and Country Club with the theme, "Veterans Helping Veterans." Over 24 teams played for 1st and 2nd place trophies. There were over 30 sponsors advertising on the golf fairways with raffles and a luncheon provided for all teams. It was a beautiful day for golfing and a good time was had by all.

Monies raised by our tournament will be used to support our Post's Bell Tower and Carillon Project at the Tallahassee National Cemetery, as well as other veteran initiatives/programs here in the Big Bend area.

Presenting the Trophies were Post 1776 commander Gordon Lightfoot, and Post Adjutant Anthony "Tony" Minichiello.



The 1st place team was the "Golden Eagle Buzzards"
Team players were:
Dan Collins, Jeff Hogan,
Nick Nixon and Bill Smith.



The 2nd place team was American Commerce Bank
Team players were:
Johnny Jones, Justin Wimberly
Chase Link and Dallas Strickland

From the Adjutant:

When Gordon asked me to be the Adjutant for the Post, I did not know what the responsibilities would be.... Exactly. I quickly found out that keeping the minutes of each meeting taking notes of committee meetings and doing a little graphic artist stuff on the computer was an acceptable break in my daily routine. Soon afterwards I volunteered to help with the golf tournament and found it to be the most difficult adventure I've had since retiring. But, never the less, it was a self fulfilling adventure that allowed me to operate on my own schedule with my own ideas and routine. I met and enjoyed making new friends and re-establishing old friendships. It was a good accomplishment and I want to thank all those VSO's and members and sponsors who were so generous and helpful, you truly made this a great event!

You need not be retired military to use the on-line Military Exchange. No Alcohol or Tobacco can be purchased, however. All other items are as you would find in any exchange on base. It's a really good deal!



Welcome Home, Veterans!

The Exchange—the Department of Defense's oldest and largest military retailer—is honored to serve all honorably discharged Veterans with a lifelong **online** military exchange shopping benefit.

Your online shopping benefits include:

- Tax-free shopping
- Military-exclusive pricing
- Members-only credit options
- *Free shipping on orders over \$49* (or any amount when you use your MILITARY STAR™ Card)

The Basics

Who is eligible for this benefit?

Honorably discharged Veterans of all United States Armed Forces, including the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard as well as the Air Force Reserve, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve and National Guard.

What is the benefit?

Approved Veterans can shop the online exchanges, including ShopMyExchange.com! Shopping with the Exchange online gives you access to exclusive military pricing and offers, tax-free shopping and more. This is a lifelong benefit that will be extended to all who discharge honorably from service.

When did this benefit take effect?

The Department of Defense announced this benefit in January 2017; it became effective on Nov. 11, 2017.

Where can I use this benefit?

Online with any of the military exchanges. This benefit does not grant installation access.

Why have these shopping privileges been extended to Veterans?

To recognize and honor your service, make your life better and improve the overall military community. Expanding online shopping privileges strengthens funding of military Quality-of-Life programs including Army Child Development Centers, Youth Programs and Fitness Centers, Air Force Outdoor Recreation programs, affordable school lunches for Warfighters' children overseas, combat uniforms below cost and more.

How do I know if I'm eligible?

[Click here to sign up for an account!](#) Note: You may be asked to submit discharge paperwork for review to verify your eligibility. This can be for several reasons, but most likely, the record we have for you is missing a type of discharge (commonly called "Character of Service" or "Character of Separation"). You will be provided a link to VetVerify.org, a shared service of the four military exchanges, to upload your documentation. This process can take up to three days to complete; you will be notified by the VetVerify customer service team when your documentation has been reviewed.

Veterans Online Shopping Benefit. This Benefit Is For Life!



About Us.....

AMVETS (American Veterans) is the nation's most inclusive Congressionally-chartered veterans service organization, representing the interests of 20 million veterans. AMVETS is open to and fighting for all who honorably served in the United States military, including the Reserve and Guard. With more than 250,000 members nationwide, we are veterans serving veterans.

AMVETS Mission Statement: To enhance and safeguard the entitlements for all American Veterans who have served honorably and to improve the quality of life for them, their families, and the communities where they live through leadership, advocacy and services.

AMVETS Charities participates in the Combined Federal Campaign through the Military, Veterans and Patriotic Services Organizations of America federation. Our Combined Federal Campaign number is 10519.



The Big Bend Honor Guard

the BBHG has served in at least 431 interment ceremonies as of September 30, 2019, not including the monthly memorials, and other services such as Vietnam Anniversary, Veterans Day and Memorial Day. We have served at Roselawn, Oakland, Old City, MeadowWood, Memory Gardens and the VFW cemetery as well as cemeteries in Havana, Sopchoppy and Day, Florida in addition to the TNC. We utilize either the Springfield 1903A3 or the M1 Garand rifles

for our ceremonies, and have been called on to offer all services, including placement of remains and the Flag from the funeral home, Pall Bearers, Chaplain, Rifle Detail, TAPS and Flag folding and presentation. We use both an email list and Face Book <https://www.facebook.com/BigBendHonorGuard/> to schedule members of the Honor Guard for the various ceremonies. The BBHG continues to field between five and ten members at the various interment services. Event attendance relies mostly on the health and lack of conflicting appointments of the members. (This article is an excerpt from Big Bend Honor Guard Facebook Page)



Made by AMVETS member Rick Brown this beautiful burnt wood, flag will be raffled off on 12-3-19. all proceeds go to building of the Carillon Bell Tower.

Buy your ticket from any member TODAY!

\$10.00 per Ticket

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

AMVETS Post 1776 Tallahassee Fund Raiser to Construct and place a Carillon Bell Tower at the Tallahassee National Cemetery



All proceeds of this Raffle will go to the fund to build the Bell tower at the Tallahassee National Cemetery

36" x 19" Burnt Wood Poly-uro-stained Veteran Handmade American Wood Flag

\$10.00 per Ticket

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